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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PGOV, UR, GW  
SUBJECT: BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN

REFS: (A) BONN 6398; (B) MOSCOW 7540 (C) BONN 6876  
(ALL NOTAL)

1. THE FOREIGN OFFICE (KUEHN) HAS GIVEN US SOME  
FURTHER DETAIL ON THE SCHEDULE FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT.  
WHILE THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR DEFINITIVE  
APPROVAL TO THE PROGRAM OUTLINED HERE, KUEHN REGARDS  
IT AS RELATIVELY FIRM.  
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2. AS NOTED REFTTEL B, BREZHNEV WILL ARRIVE IN BONN  
ON MAY 4 AT 11:00 A.M. BY AIR FROM MOSCOW. HE WILL  
ATTEND A SMALL LUNCH HOSTED BY FRG PRESIDENT SCHEEL  
(IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER SCHEEL WILL INVITE  
ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS) TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN  
AFTERNOON MEETING WITH THE CHANCELLOR. ON THE

EVENING OF THE 4TH, SCHEEL WILL HOST A LARGE STATE DINNER AT SCHLOSS BRUEHL. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 5, BREZHNEV WILL MEET WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF THE FOUR MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. THE CHANCELLOR WILL THEN HOST A LUNCHEON, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND SCHMIDT-BREZHNEV MEETING. THAT EVENING, BREZHNEV WILL GIVE A DINNER, PROBABLY IN LA REDOUTE. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 6, BREZHNEV WILL MEET WITH GERMAN BUSINESS LEADERS. AT 11:00 A.M., HE AND SCHMIDT WILL FLY TO HAMBURG. THE SOVIET LEADER WILL MEET WITH THE HAMBURG SENAT AND THEN ATTEND A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY SCHMIDT. A HARBOR TOUR IS SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON. BREZHNEV WILL RETURN TO MOSCOW FROM HAMBURG ON MAY 7.

3. KUEHN TOLD US THE HAMBURG PORTION OF THE VISIT IS SOMEWHAT LESS DEFINITE THAN THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHEDULE. WE HAVE IT FROM PROTOCOL SOURCES IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE THAT THE SOVIET ADVANCE TEAM WAS INITIALLY DUBIOUS ABOUT IN-COUNTRY TRAVEL. HOWEVER, SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICIALS HAVE SINCE VISITED HAMBURG AND THE GERMANS INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN BREZHNEV WILL ACCEPT THE CHANCELLOR'S INVITATION TO VISIT THE CITY.

4. OUR PROTOCOL SOURCES SAY THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS, WHILE NEVER DIRECTLY MENTIONING BREZHNEV'S HEALTH, CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE GIVEN THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT THEY WISH TO EASE HIS SCHEDULE. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, THE SOVIETS REQUESTED THAT BREZHNEV BE GIVEN A 1-1/2 TO 2-HOUR REST PERIOD AFTER EACH MEAL. WHILE IT APPEARS TO US THAT BREZHNEV'S SCHEDULE IS FAIRLY FULL, WE ARE UNABLE TO RENDER AN ADEQUATE JUDGMENT IN THE

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ABSENCE OF EXACT TIMES FOR MOST EVENTS. WE HOPE TO HAVE THE COMPLET  
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SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK AND WILL REPORT FURTHER.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THE SOVIET PROTOCOL TEAM HAS  
MANIFESTED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT TERRORISM IN THE  
FRG. THEY PRESENTED THE GERMANS WITH A LONG LIST  
(ONE SOURCE SAID IT CONTAINED 1,400 NAMES) OF  
SUSPECTED TERRORISTS OF VARIOUS POLITICAL PERSUASIONS  
AND ASKED HOW THE FRG PLANNED TO CONTROL THESE  
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INDIVIDUALS.

5. IN PARAGRAPH 14 OF REFTTEL C, WE NOTED A PRESS  
REPORT THAT BREZHNEV WOULD VISIT EAST BERLIN ON  
MAY 8 (V-E DAY) AFTER HIS TRIP TO THE FRG. KUEHN  
EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT THIS WOULD MATERIALIZE,  
NOTING THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE SEEN HERE AS AN  
"UNFRIENDLY ACT." IN ADDITION, WE NOTE FROM USBER'S  
TRANSCRIPT OF ABRASIMOV'S APRIL 4 PRESS CONFERENCE  
THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR, REFERRING TO PRESS  
REPORTS OF A BREZHNEV VISIT, STATED, "IN MY PERSONAL  
OPINION, IT IS NOT NECESSARY (FOR BREZHNEV) TO VISIT  
THE GDR AS WELL." CONTINUING, ABRASIMOV SAID HE

DID NOT RULE OUT A VISIT TO THE GDR AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

6. THE FOREIGN OFFICE EXPECTS BREZHNEV TO STAY AT SCHLOSS GYMNICH. AS CHANCE WOULD HAVE IT, HOWEVER, A VOLKSFEST (FESTIVAL) IS SCHEDULED FOR THE GYMNICH AREA DURING BREZHNEV'S VISIT. THE LOCAL URGHERS ARE CONCERNED THAT BREZHNEV'S HUGE ENTOURAGE WILL CREATE A LOGISTICAL PROBLEM FOR THEIR FESTIVAL AND HAVE ASKED THAT HE STAY ELSEWHERE. GERMAN SECURITY OFFICIALS FEAR IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR BREZHNEV IN LIGHT OF THE CROWDS EXPECTED IN THE AREA. NONETHELESS, KUEHN TOLD US IT REMAINS LIKELY THAT BREZHNEV WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN GYMNICH. STOESEL

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